

## Capsule Summary

Survey No.: T-1107

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Name: Rigby Valliant House, 123 W. Chestnut Street,  
St. Michaels Historic District (T-577)

Construction Date: ca. 1832

Town/Vicinity: St. Michaels

County: Talbot

Access: Private

### Summary Description:

A contributing element in the St. Michaels Historic District, this house is a two-story, three bay structure with a lateral gable roof line. Currently functioning as a Bed & Breakfast, the house has been altered extensively. A large, two-story addition has been added to the west elevation of the main block, and a one-story addition to the rear. Some original trim-work, mantels, doors, and some hardware remain on the interior. The building rests on a brick pier foundation and has been clad in vinyl siding.



# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. T-1107

Magi No.

DOE ☒ yes ☐ no

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Rigby Valliant House (St. Michaels Historic District)

and/or common

### 2. Location

street & number 123 W. Chestnut Street

☐ not for publication

city, town St. Michaels

☐ vicinity of

congressional district First

state MD

county Talbot

### 3. Classification

#### Category

☐ district

☒ building(s)

☐ structure

☐ site

☐ object

#### Ownership

☐ public

☒ private

☐ both

#### Public Acquisition

☐ in process

☐ being considered

☒ not applicable

#### Status

☒ occupied

☐ unoccupied

☐ work in progress

#### Accessible

☒ yes: restricted

☐ yes: unrestricted

☐ no

#### Present Use

☐ agriculture

☐ commercial

☐ educational

☐ entertainment

☐ government

☐ industrial

☐ military

☐ museum

☐ park

☒ private residence

☐ religious

☐ scientific

☐ transportation

☐ other:

### 4. Owner of Property

(give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Richard & Joan Crompton

street & number P.O. Box 88t

telephone no.:

city, town St. Michaels

state and zip code MD 21663-0088

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Talbot County Courthouse

liber 616

street & number Washington Street

folio 97

city, town Easton

state MD 21601

### 6. Representation in Existing

Historical Surveys

title St. Michaels Historic District

date 1986

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Crownsville

state MD



## 7. Description

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### Condition

☐ excellent  
☒ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☐ unaltered  
☒ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

The Rigby Valliant House is a two-story, three bay, wood frame structure, constructed ca. 1832. The facade contains an entrance in the easternmost bay flanked by narrow, three-pane sidelights and a six-pane overhead transom. A single bay, gabled entry porch shelters the front door. All of the original windows have been replaced with modern aluminum units. An original porch located on the east elevation has been enclosed. The main block of the building is rectangular in plan; however, a large, modern two-story addition has been added to the west elevation, and a large one-story addition added on the rear. The additions were probably added in 1986 to provide more space to accommodate guests, as the home currently operates as a bed and breakfast. The interior contains original trim-work, mantel, doors and some hardware. The building rests on a brick pier foundation, and the roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. The main house has been covered with vinyl siding. A single exterior end, brick chimney is located between the main block of the house and the modern two-story addition. A modern wood deck, equipped with a hot tub, abuts the rear wing.



## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance--Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistory	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1832 Builder/Architect unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G  
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This early-nineteenth century structure (ca. 1832) is a contributing element of the St. Michaels Historic District (T-577) as part of the group of the mid-to-late nineteenth century domestic buildings considered significant to the town under Criterion C. Please refer to the St. Michaels Historic District National Register Nomination Form for the statement of significance.

The house has had extensive alterations. Since the building is a contributing element within the St. Michaels Historic District, it is assumed that the alterations and new construction were approved by the St. Michaels Historic Area Commission and conform to the St. Michaels Area Design Guidelines.

### MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ☒Eligibility not recommended ☐Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: The house is a contributing element of the St. Michaels Historic District (T-577). The district nomination did not describe all individual properties; therefore, this form was completed.

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

Reviewer, NR program

Date



## 9. Major Bibliographical Reference

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 10,500 square feet

Quadrangle name St. Michaels, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	Zone	Easting	North	ing
C				
E				
G				

B	Zone	Easting	North	ing
D				
F				
H				

Verbal boundary description and justification

Talbot County tax map 201, grid SM, parcel 1893.

The boundary encompasses the parcel currently owned by Richard & Joan Crompton.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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state GA 30083

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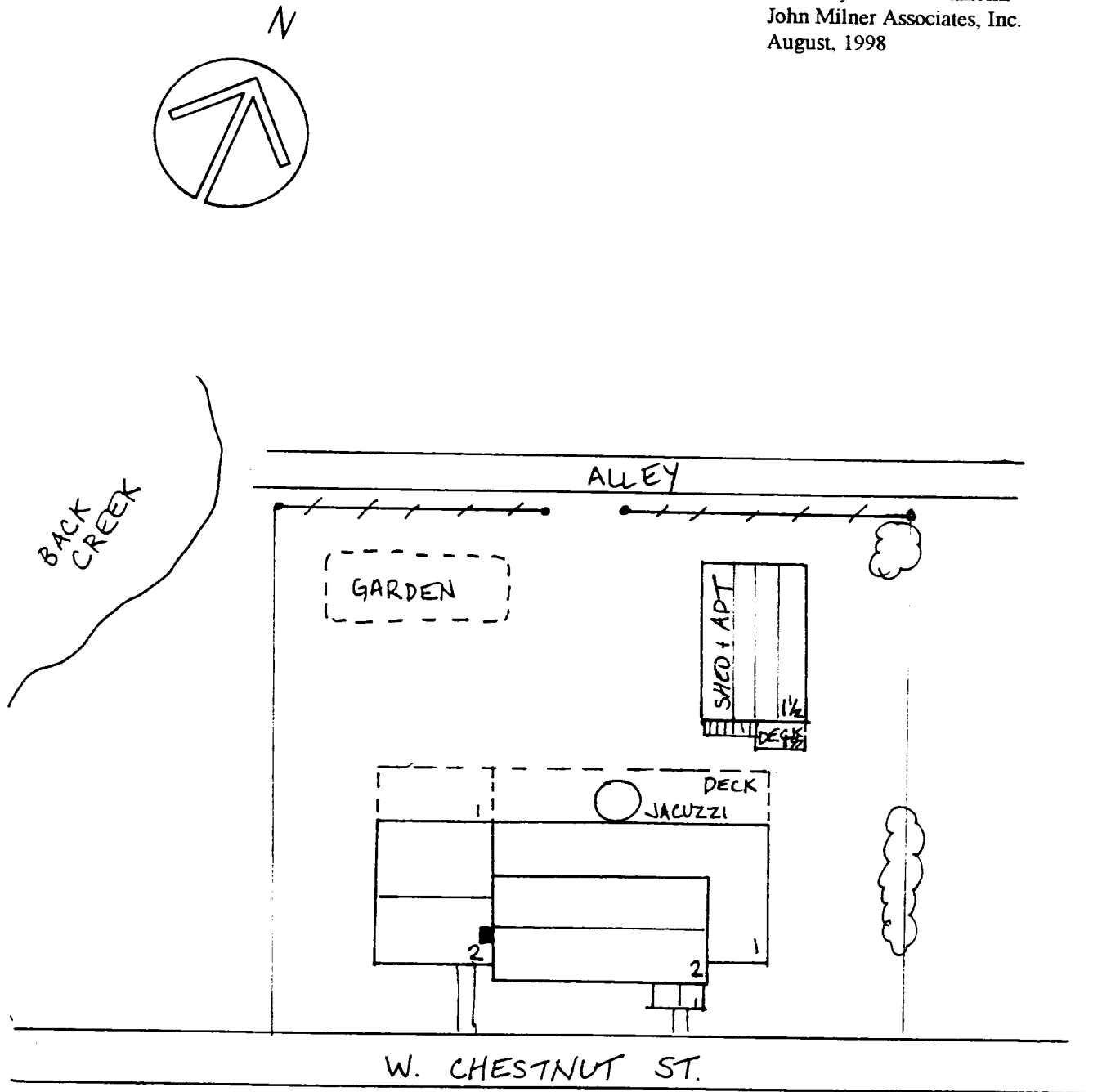
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St. Michaels Historic District  
SKETCH MAP - NOT TO SCALE

drawn by: Rachel Mancini  
John Milner Associates, Inc.  
August, 1998





# **Continuation Sheet**

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## **MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA**

### **HISTORIC CONTEXT**

**Geographic Organization:** Eastern Shore

**Chronological/Development Period(s):** Agricultural-Industrial Transition Period A.D. 1815-1870

**Historic Period Theme(s):** Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning

**Resource Type:**

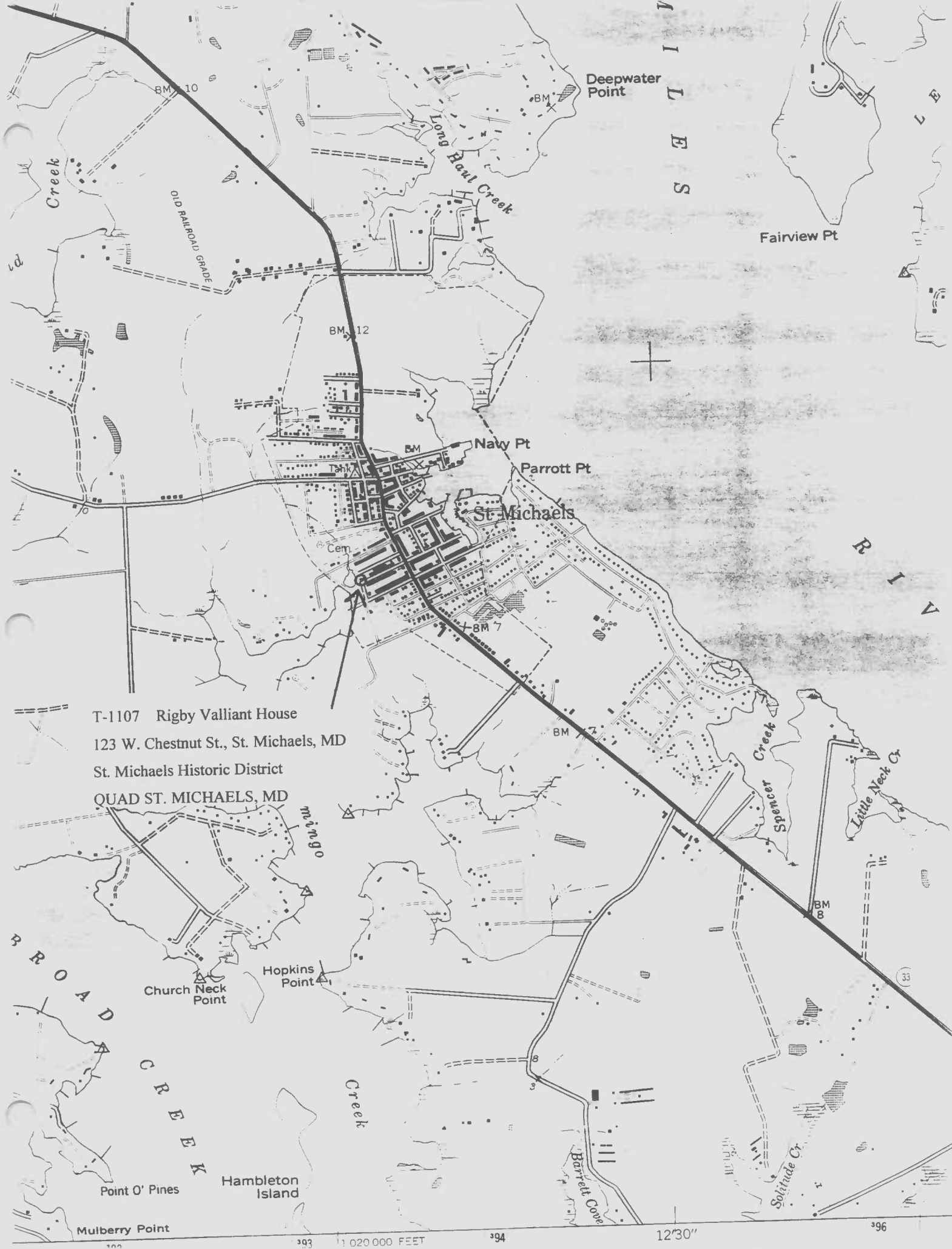
**Category:** Building

**Historic Environment:** Village

**Historic Function(s) and Use(s):** DOMESTIC/single dwelling

**Known Design Source:** none





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QUAD ST. MICHAELS, MD

Mulberry Point

393

1:1020000 FEET

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12'30"

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neg's → MD SHPO

Main house, South elevation front

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Main house, East elevation

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Main house, West elevation

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Main house, North elevation

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Apartment/shed, looking NE  
NE of Main house

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Apartment/shed, looking SE

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